UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA ORLANDO DIVISION

TASER INTERNATIONAL, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v. Case No: 6:16-cv-366-PGB-LHP

PHAZZER ELECTRONICS, INC., STEVEN ABBOUD, PHAZZER IP, LLC and PHAZZER GLOBAL CORPORATION,

Defendants

ORDER

This cause comes before the Court following a hearing on Plaintiff's Opposed Second Motion to Compel Stephenson's Production of Documents. *See* Doc. Nos. 669, 679.¹ The Court previously granted the motion in part, and took the motion under advisement in part as it relates to attorney-client privilege objections by third-party entity Adam Stephenson, LLC ("Stephenson") to a Rule 45 subpoena served by Plaintiff. *See* Doc. No. 671. For the reasons stated on the record at the hearing,

¹ The Court addressed several other motions at the hearing, *see* Doc. Nos. 637, 641–42, 672, resolution of which will be addressed by separate order.

the remainder of Plaintiff's motion (Doc. No. 669) is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part. It is **ORDERED** as follows:

- 1. Court **SUSTAINS** Stephenson's attorney-client privilege objections in relation to STEPHENSON 000016, STEPHENSON 000017, **STEPHENSON** 000020-000029, **STEPHENSON** 000030-000033, **STEPHENSON STEPHENSON** 000039-000041, 000034-000038, **STEPHENSON** 000042-000050, STEPHENSON 000051-000059, **STEPHENSON** 000060-000070, **STEPHENSON** 001672-001676, STEPHENSON 000425. Stephenson will not be required to produce these documents at this time.
- 2. The Court **SUSTAINS** in part Stephenson's attorney-client privilege objection to STEPHENSON 001680-001696. Specifically, Stephenson may redact the second paragraph of the cover letter at STEPHENSON 001680, but Stephenson must otherwise produce in full STEPHENSON 001680-001696.
- 3. The Court **OVERRULES** Stephenson's attorney-client privilege objections in relation to STEPHENSON 000005, STEPHENSON 000009, STEPHENSON 000011-000012, STEPHENSON 000013-000014, STEPHENSON 000015, STEPHENSON 000573, STEPHENSON 001032, STEPHENSON 001036, STEPHENSON 001053.² See, e.g., Lake Eola Builders,

² As stated on the record at the hearing, Stephenson also agreed to voluntarily

LLC v. Metro. at Lake Eola, LLC, No. 6:05-cv-346-Orl-31DAB, 2006 WL 8439531, at *3 (M.D. Fla. Jan. 27, 2006) ("Business activity, as opposed to legal advice, is not protected by the attorney-client privilege." (citing *United States v. Davis*, 636 F.2d 1028, 1043 (5th Cir. 1981))).

- 4. Within ten (10) days of the date of this Order, Stephenson shall produce to Plaintiff the following documents: STEPHENSON 001680-001696, partially redacted as set forth herein, and unredacted versions of STEPHENSON 000005-00006, STEPHENSON 000009-000010, STEPHENSON 000011-000012, STEPHENSON 000013-000014, STEPHENSON 000015, STEPHENSON 000573, STEPHENSON 001032, STEPHENSON 001036, STEPHENSON 001053. Each of these documents will be designated "ATTORNEYS EYES ONLY" pursuant to the Court's Protective Order. See Doc. No. 517.
- 5. Plaintiff's motion is otherwise **DENIED**, and Plaintiff's request for attorneys' fees incurred for the filing of the motion is **DENIED** for failure to provide applicable legal authority in support. *Cf. Golden Krust Franchising, Inc. v. Clayborne*, No. 8:20-mc-104-T-33SPF, 2020 WL 7260774, at *2 (M.D. Fla. Dec. 10, 2020) ("[U]nlike Rule 37, Rule 45 contains no express provision for attorneys' fees or sanctions to a party that has prevailed on a motion to

produce STEPHENSON 000006 and STEPHENSON 000010.

compel compliance with a subpoena. . . ." (quotation marks and citation omitted))

6. The Order to Show Cause directed to Stephenson (Doc. No. 675) is **DISCHARGED**.

DONE and ORDERED in Orlando, Florida on May 16, 2023.

LESLIE HOFFMAN PRICE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Copies furnished to:

Counsel of Record Unrepresented Parties